

College Ready Benchmarks

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COLLEGE READY BENCHMARK REQUIREMENT

- ▶ Per IC 20-32-5.1-7(e), for each school year beginning after June 30, 2021, a nationally recognized college entrance exam must be administered as Indiana's accountability assessment.
- ▶ Code further requires the Commission for Higher Education, in consultation with the state educational institutions, to approve a proficiency benchmark no lower than the national college ready benchmark established for that particular exam.
- ▶ The Indiana Department of Education selected the SAT as the nationally recognized college entrance exam.

WHAT DOES THIS IMPACT?

- ▶ The proficiency benchmarks approved by the Commission impact:
 - ▶ Proficiency reporting by the Indiana Department of Education to the Indiana State Board of Education;
 - ▶ Federal Reporting;
 - ▶ Indiana Graduates Prepared to Success (GPS) Dashboard; and
 - ▶ Indiana's Graduation Pathways (potentially).

WHAT ARE THE GRADUATION PATHWAYS?

- ▶ Beginning with the graduating class of 2023, Indiana high school students must satisfy all three of the following **Graduation Requirements**:
 - ▶ Earn credits necessary for a high school diploma;
 - ▶ Learn and demonstrate employability skills; AND
 - ▶ Demonstrate postsecondary-ready competencies.

EARN CREDITS NECESSARY FOR A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

There are four diploma designations:

- ▶ Core 40 - Minimum 40 credits
- ▶ Academic Honors - Minimum 47 credits
- ▶ Technical Honors - Minimum 47 credits
- ▶ General - Minimum 40 credits (Core 40 opt-out conference required)

LEARN AND DEMONSTRATE EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

- ▶ **Project-Based Learning:** Allows students to gain knowledge and skills by working for an extended period of time to investigate and respond to an authentic, engaging, and complex question.
- ▶ **Service-Based Learning:** Integrates academic study with service experience, reflects larger social, economic, and societal issues, and collaborative efforts between students, schools, and community partners.
- ▶ **Work-Based Learning:** Activities that occur in a workplace while developing the student's skills, knowledge, and readiness for work.



DEMONSTRATE POSTSECONDARY-READY COMPETENCIES

- ▶ Honors Diploma
- ▶ SAT
- ▶ ACT
- ▶ ASVAB
- ▶ Industry Recognized Certification - Federally Recognized Apprenticeship
- ▶ CTE Concentrator
- ▶ AP/IB/Dual Credit/Cambridge International/CLEP
- ▶ Locally Created Pathway

SAT COLLEGE READY BENCHMARKS

Per the College Board:

- ▶ Students are considered college and career ready when their SAT section scores meet both the Math and the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing benchmarks
- ▶ Students with an SAT Math section score that meets or exceeds the benchmark have a 75% chance of earning at least a C in first-semester, credit-bearing college courses in algebra, statistics, precalculus, or calculus.
- ▶ Students with an SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERW) section score that meets or exceeds the benchmark have a 75% chance of earning at least a C in first-semester, credit-bearing college courses in history, literature, social sciences, or writing classes.



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